(c) whether it is a fact that due to such decision, the export of black pepper is likely to be hit seriously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) There is no CCS on black pepper exported in bulk. There is no proposal to withdraw CCS on export of spices in consumer packs.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Exports by the MMTC

982. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the details of the exports made by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation during 1985, 1986 and 1987 so far alongwith the value thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): A Statement is attached. (*See* below)

Statement

(Qty. : in lakh tonnes)
(Value : in Rs. Crores)

	Exports by M.M.T.C.					
	1984-85		1985-86		1986-87 (Prov.)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Iron Ore	153·75	304·82	163·98	335·77	100·73	363·50
Manganese ore	6·46	25·93	5·21	21·09	3·18	12·57
Chrome ore	2·73	22·21	2·23	22·45	0·78	7·90
Coal	0·50	2·96	1·56	9·03	1·42	9·77
Bauxite	0·21	0·39	1·32	2·41	0·99	1·77
Others	..	19·73	..	231·86	..	304·55
TOTAL EXPORTS	..	376·04	..	622·62	..	700·06

Sophisticated arms for Tripura State Rifles

983. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Tripura State Rifles which have been raised for dealing with the TNV are not getting sophisticated arms;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore; and

(c) what steps are being taken to supply sophisticated arms to Tripura State Rifles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) According to the present policy, the State/Union Territory police forces are not authorised to hold sophisticated weapons as a matter of policy. However, Central Police